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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

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THE PROGRESS OF REGISTRATION IN HOLLAND.—The good news has come from Holland that at last an act to provide for the registration of nurses has passed the Dutch Parliament. This has come after twenty years of effort. We congratulate our Holland members heartily.

AN ITEM FROM JAPAN.—An interesting paragraph on the rising importance of birth control is found in *The Nation* of April 27. The Government of Japan, convinced that only by a nation-wide policy of birth control can a war of aggression be prevented in another generation, has sent representatives from its medical and other departments to visit Margaret Sanger, in New York, and confer with her upon methods of teaching contraception to the people. Such is the recognition given by a highly intelligent race to the woman who has been sent seven times to jail by the rulers of her native land, for teaching to poor working women what all well-to-do women may learn from reliable authority, if they wish it.

WHAT WILL NURSES DO ABOUT WAR?—In most countries now, women have voting power, nurses of course being included, (even though we do sometimes wonder whether we are really women, or what?). We shall share the responsibility for future horrible mass murders by bullets, poison gas, and perhaps even disease germs, if we do not align ourselves with those men and women who are throwing their political and personal influence against the war system. Which side are we going to take?

THE PROGRESS OF ENGLISH REGISTRATION.—The General Nursing Council for England and Wales has prepared a draft syllabus of lectures, demonstrations and training in general nursing, which is printed in the *British Journal of Nursing*, March 26, and well deserves careful study of its admirable plan and scope. It was discussed at a conference held on April 28.